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1. The changeover in Soviet occupation authority from SMA to SKK (Soviet Control Commission) in Saxony, which took place in November 1949 upon formation of the German Democratic Republic, was characterized by a wholesale redeployment of Soviet personnel to Russia. In number of personnel the SKK is only about 1/5 of the old SMA, Saxony. As a result, the SKK consists of weaker and fewer departments and its supervisory and control authority is markedly restricted as compared with that of the now defunct SMA. Col. Lyablov, chief of the Political Section, SMA Saxony, stated prior to his redeployment to Russia that "the SKK is a compact and polite form of the SMA".
2. The organization of zonal SKK (with headquarters still in Karlshorst, but reportedly being moved to Potsdam) is not radically different from the SMA. On provincial level, however, the SKK is only a skeleton of the former SMA. SKK Saxony, for instance, is organized as follows:

SKK Plenipotentiary (Gen. Dubrovsky)  
Staff Section (Lt. Col. Demin)  
Deputy for Economic Matters (Tov. Vdovin)  
Economic Section (Tov. Vdovin)  
Deputy for Miscellaneous Matters (Lt. Col. Kriukov)  
Information Section (Maj. Gen. Rodionov)

3. The absence of three important sections, Political, Internal Affairs, and Reparations, is to be noted. Under SKK these sections will be represented on Land level only by single representatives sent out by zonal SKK as observers working under its direction. The duty of the Political Section representative, for example, will consist of keeping an eye on SKK party members, collecting party dues, and providing them with political indoctrination lectures and literature. The duties of the Internal Affairs Section (OVD) representative [REDACTED] Conceivably he will either make only irregular inspection trips or his function will be eliminated altogether. The representatives of the Reparations Section will work through the Economic Section of the Land SKK.

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4. SKK Saxony will remain located in the city of Dresden. Its four field sub-offices will be located in Leipzig, Zwickau, Chemnitz, and Aue.

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